Annual grant of Rs. 10 lakhs are being released to these Chairs.

(iv) Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships

A Scheme of Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships was introduced in the year 1993 under which 4 students are being sent abroad for undertaking higher studies in different disciplines under this Scheme. So far, 12 students have been selected under this Scheme. The Governing Body of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation has recently decided to discontinue this Scheme and replace a new Scheme called "Dr. Ambedkar National Fellowship and Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowship" which will facilitate the students and scholars to undertake higher studies not only in Indian but also in foreign Universities.

(v) Dr. Ambedkar National Award

The Foundation has been awarding Dr. Ambedkar Awards to both individuals as well as Associations/Institutions who have made outstanding contributions for promotion of Social Change for upliftment of Weaker Sectons of society in India. This annually Award carries cash amount of Rs. 10 lakhs, a citation and a plaque. So far two Awards have been presented in the past.

(vi) Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change

Recently Dr. Ambedkar International Award for Social Change has been established. The purpose of this Award is to commemorate the signal services rendered by Dr. Ambedkar to India and the human family at large. This annual Award carries cash amount of Rs. 15 lakhs in foreign exchange a citation and a plaque. After constitution of the Jury, action is being taken to invite nominations for the first Award.

(vii)The Project of Translation and Publication of literature concerning the life and mission of Dr. Ambedkar Foundation

The Foundation has initiated a Project of Translation and Publication of the Collected Works of Baba Saheb Ambedkar with includes his writings and speeches in 12 different regional languages. The original literature published by Govt. of Maharashtra is being translated and distributed at subsidised rates with an intention to popularise the ideology and philosophy of Baba Saheb Ambedkar.

In addition to the above, the Foundation has been organising National Functions both on 14th April and 6th December on the occasion of Birth and Death Anniversaries of Baba Saheb Ambedkar. President of India, Vice President, Prime Minister and other national leaders pay homage and floral tributes to Baba Saheb Ambedkar on both these occasions.

So far to facilitate the Foundation to implement the above referred Schemes and Project, the Government of India has provided Corpus Fund of Rs. 67.5 crores during the last 7 years.

(c) Now the Foundation is planning to introduce Schemes and Projects for providing assistance to NGOs for prevention of atrocities on Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes as well as for promotion of the education among the members of under privileged sections of the society.

Gold Deposits in Singhbhum Region

102.SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI C.O. POULOSE:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether significant gold deposits have been discovered in the Singhbhum region of Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) No significant gold deposits have been discovered in the Singhbhum region of Bihar so far.

(b) Question does not arise.

Restructuring Plan for Sail

103. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the restructuring plant for Steel Authority of India Ltd. for smooth sailing; and

(b) the measures envisaged to push exports?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) has prepared Financial Restructuring Plan with the help of IDBI which has recommended reduction in debt to equity ratio from the current level. Measures to restructure business have also been identified by SAIL.

(b) The various measures envisaged by SAIL to push exports include building of export capability to reach a level of 15% of its production by 2001, building an image in the international market as a reliable supplier, market segmentation and consistent supply, strategic alliance and dedicated marketing channels through reputed international trading houses/service centres/ consumers, opening of new overseas outlets, etc.

भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लि॰ के अधीन घाटे वाली इकाइयां

104. **श्री कपिल सिब्बल:**
श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया:

क्या **इस्पात तथा खान** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सही है कि भारतीय इस्पात प्राधिकरण लि॰ के तहत् ऐसी अनेक इकाइयां हैं जो घाटे में चल रहीं हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी इकाइयों तथा मार्च, 1998 तक उनमें निवेश की गई कुल राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) विगत तीन वर्षों में मार्च, 1998 तक उन्हें कुल कितनी आर्थिक हानि हुई है; और

(घ) इन इकाइयों में कार्यरत स्थायी तथा अस्थाई कर्मचारियों की संख्या कितनी है?

इस्पात तथा खान मंत्री (श्री नवीन पटनायक): (क) और (ख) स्टील अथारिटी आफ इंडिया लिमिटेड (सेल) की हानि वाली इकाइयों में 31, मार्च, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार परिसम्पत्तियों के मूल्यह्रासित मूल्य की दृष्टि से निवेश और चल रहे पूंजीगत कार्यों को नीचे दर्शाया गया है:-

(करोड़ रुपये में)

विवरण	दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र	राउरकेला इस्पात संयंत्र	मिश्र इस्पात संयंत्र	सेलम इस्पात संयंत्र
निवेश	5827	5528	182	944

(ग) मार्च 1998 तक पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इन इकाइयों को हुई हानि नीचे दी गई है:-

(करोड़ रुपये में)

विवरण	दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र	राउरकेला इस्पात संयंत्र	मिश्र इस्पात संयंत्र	सेलम इस्पात संयंत्र
1995-96	(-) 174	(-) 57	(+) 1	(+) 4
1996-97	(-) 236	(-) 316	(+) 67	(-) 30
1997-98	(-) 509	(-) 374	(-) 68	(-) 120

(+) लाभ
(-) हानि

(घ) 31 मार्च, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार इकाइयों में कार्य कर रहे स्थाई तथा अस्थाई कर्मचारियों का ब्यौरा नीचे दिया गया है:-

संयंत्र	स्थाई	अस्थाई
दुर्गापुर इस्पात संयंत्र	25890	15
राउरकेला इस्पात संयंत्र	31677	-
मिश्र इस्पात संयंत्र	6053	-
सेलम इस्पात संयंत्र	1665	-

Loss suffered by SAIL

105. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Steel Authority of India has suffered severe damage due to the dumping of foreign steel products; and

(b) if so, the action taken to protect the domestic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) To protect the domestic steel industry Anti-dumping duty has been recommended by the Designated Authority under the Customs Tariff Act on Hot Rolled Coil/Sheet/Plate imported from Russia and Ukraine.